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Grant Applications for School Safe Haven Programs Currently Being Accepted
Provides Indiana schools with funding for prevention and resource officer programs

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) announced today grant applications for 2015-2016 School Safe Haven Programs are currently being accepted. Those interested in applying can do so thru 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2015.

The Indiana General Assembly created the Indiana Safe Schools Fund in 1995 as part of Indiana's commitment to making local schools safer. A portion of that fund is dedicated to providing matching grants to schools implementing Safe Haven programs. ICJI is charged with the administration and oversight of Safe Haven funding.

Safe Haven programs support a physical and social school environment in which students are able to learn and achieve to their fullest potential. Through education, outreach, and school personnel training, Safe Haven programs work to reduce violent behavior and alcohol, tobacco, and drug abuse, while promoting safety and educational progress. Such programs include bullying prevention, mentoring, after school support, and positive behavior reinforcement. Safe Haven programs can also include the additional support of, and training for, school resource officers. Resource officers work in conjunction with district personnel to reinforce the mission and objectives of Safe Haven programs.

The Safe Haven grant is intended to supplement funding for programs currently operating in the school districts. Grant funding for the 2015-2016 school year will be awarded across two program areas. For area one, applicants can apply for funding to support evidence-based or promising practice school programs. In area two, applicants can apply for funding to support school resource officer programs. For the 2014-2015 school year, ICJ awarded \$678,000 in Safe Haven grants to 54 recipients.

School Safe Haven Program grant applications are accepted through the Egrants online application process, found at <https://egrants.cji.in.gov>. Applicants must be registered in Egrants, and first time registrants can visit the Egrants website and click on the Register button located on the front page. Failure to register will prevent applicants from obtaining access to the application system and registration could take several days for first time registrants. ICJI is not responsible for applicants who fail to submit a timely application due to technical difficulties that occur within 24 hours of the deadline. Late applications or applications submitted through any means other than Egrants, will not be scored or considered for funding.

For more information regarding Safe Haven programs or the Indiana Safe School Fund, please visit: <http://www.in.gov/cji/2339.htm>. For those needing technical assistance submitting a grant application, the Egrants Helpdesk is available Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 pm ET, and can be reached at: CJIHelpDesk@cji.in.gov. An Egrants manual is also available online, and can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/cji/2375.htm>. To view all current ICJI funding opportunities, please visit <http://www.in.gov/cji/2371.htm>.

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